

**ODIN ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**October 12, 1999**  
**Jamestown College – Westminster Hall, Level One**

**Council members present:** (\*indicates voting representative):

Frank D'Andraia, Chair – UND Chester Fritz  
\*Shelby Harken – UND Chester Fritz  
\*Phyllis Bratton – Jamestown College  
\*Bernnett Reinke – Dickinson State  
\*Jerald Stewart – NDSCS – Wahpeton  
\*Dennis Page – Grand Forks Public  
\*Dave Davis – Fargo Public  
\*Marcella Schmaltz – Bismarck State  
\*Mike Jaugstetter – ND State Library  
\*Ted Smith – ND Supreme Court Law Library  
\*Darryl Podoll – Valley City State  
\*Kelly Hell – Williston State  
\*Jan Wysocki – MSU/Bottineau  
\*Gary Gott – UND Thormodsgard Law Library  
\*Lila Pedersen – UND H.E. French Library of the Health Sciences  
\*Sharon Evensen – Lake Region State – Devils Lake  
\*Larry Greenwood – Minot State

**Council member libraries absent:**

Dickinson Area Public Library  
Dickinson High School  
Hillsboro High School/Public Library  
Mayville State University  
ND School for the Blind  
Trinity Bible College

**Others present:**

Tom Bremer – NDSU Libraries  
Fran Fisher – NDSU Libraries  
Lillian Sorenson – Dickinson State  
Cindy Larson – ND State Library  
Doris Ott – ND State Library  
Ann Pederson – Altru Hospital Library  
Janet Essency – Minot State  
Susan Podrygula – Minot State  
Lisa Bruere – MINITEX  
Gary Johnson – SDLN  
Tony Stukel – ODIN Office  
Ellen Kotrba – ODIN Office

Chair Frank D'Andraia called the meeting to order at 10:00am. The agenda was modified to include "housekeeping" issues from Phyllis Bratton.

The minutes from the OAC meeting held April 30, 1999 were moved by Dave Davis and approved as presented.

**ODIN Office – DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Stukel**

Report was sent electronically (attached). Highlights included the successful move by ODIN libraries from IAC Searchbank to GaleGroup InfoTrac; v14 Pals mainframe install planned for weekend of October 23<sup>rd</sup>; Y2k contingency planning; testing of OCLC daily updates to ODIN/Pals with weekly indexing; and licensing negotiations with UNISYS as license expires at the end of December 2000. InfoTrac issues still pending include IP redirection from ODIN home page and licensing issues at UND for LegalTrac. Stukel commented and asked for input on satellite transmissions for "World's Largest Library". Comments from council regarding Y2k included contingency plan finalization, possible closure of libraries on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and throughout the weekend and power down/up scenarios. It was mentioned that an extension clause in the future UNISYS contract be negotiated and go for longer timeframe and new hardware if monetary savings may be realized. Backups of the ODIN/Pals system are now being completed on Saturday evening so Sunday availability hours have been extended to midnight. A question arose as to when the State Historical Society of ND may be joining ODIN. Mike Jaugstetter indicated they had applied for a grant and that the grant would be considered by the ND Library Coordinating Council at their meeting October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck.

## Planning Committee Report – Frank D’Andraia

D’Andraia opened the discussion by reading a letter sent to directors before the meeting. Copies of a “pricing structure” draft dated 9/29/99 were passed around the room and D’Andraia indicated all members of the Planning Committee were present. Comments:

- ✓ Current pricing structure unfairly penalizes lending libraries. Committee looked at this but couldn’t figure out a way to calculate any type of credit
- ✓ Distance education students may distort transactions unfairly although a library fee is included in distance education contracts
- ✓ Base costs don’t appear to be tiered by library size, what is the rationale? Perhaps a nominal minimum charge to participate instead of a graduated base fee
- ✓ Original contracts signed by University presidents should be scrutinized to make sure pricing structure changes are not covered in contract
- ✓ NDSU would be “payment king” due to transactions
- ✓ “don’t look back, look ahead”
- ✓ Current pricing structure distorted – time for each library to pay their own fair share
- ✓ “usage” should be a major price component
- ✓ look for more outside funding to offset library costs – currently NDUS budgets appropriated dollars for salary and equipment. Perhaps ETC, ND Dept of Public Instruction and other funding sources should be tapped.
- ✓ Fargo Public Library looking for other alternatives; appreciated Stukel’s visit
- ✓ Seems formula driven, need definitions on how the formula is built
- ✓ ODIN has evolved since 1989 in how it is managed, how it functions and the benefits the ODIN Office provides
- ✓ Lower dollars appreciated but what motivates this change
- ✓ ODIN serves the state but some funding entities primary concern is their own clientele
- ✓ Allocated dollars on draft = records costs + base cost + usage cost
- ✓ Will be necessary to implement a new pricing structure in phases
- ✓ If a library leaves, what portion of the formula goes up first
- ✓ Charge should equal the benefits of ODIN
- ✓ Use IAC formula
- ✓ Budgeting for a price increase is tough on internal budgets
- ✓ Perhaps question should be to lobby for statewide payment of operating costs. Anticipated legislative answer would be, “we already give money and not all libraries are in ODIN”

After the discussion, D’Andraia summed up the issues that will be taken back to the Planning committee:

1. clearer definition of the base change
2. options for a more modest change and allocate usage costs differently
3. building up “funding pools” for non-ODIN library users
4. timeline – take into account different fiscal years
5. contractual agreements already in place – figure on new members coming in

New pricing schedule tentatively scheduled to go into effect July 1, 2001 but would be phased in library by library.

D’Andraia asked members to peruse the Governance Task Force report as Mike Jaugstetter gives his report.

### **SDLN/ODIN Joint Task Force on Collaboration – Mike Jaugstetter**

Jaugstetter reported that Suzanne Miller is the new South Dakota state librarian. Committee cooperation remains high. Gary Johnson reported the SDLA Executive Committee meets often and the ODIN Advisory Council only meets twice a year.

### **Governance Task Force – Lila Pedersen**

Pedersen explained Task Force recommendations. Report (attached.)

Comments concerning *Advisory Council Chair and Vice-Chair Recommendation*:

- term of each Advisory Council Chair begins 30 days after election, rather than July 1<sup>st</sup>, to allow time for outgoing Chair to wrap-up loose ends including sending minutes, etc.
- “election may be conducted electronically or by mail” includes IVN or E-mail
- allow nominations from the floor

Amendments to Advisory Council Chair and Vice-Chair recommendation:

- when a Chair is elected to fill a vacancy, the term begins immediately upon election
- provision to allow OAC Chair to sit a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term – limited to two terms

Dave Davis made a motion to accept the recommendation as amended. Motion passed.

Comments concerning *Voting Structure Recommendation*:

- voting doesn't have to be tied to the pricing schedule
- representation for all libraries regardless of what library pays in ODIN fees
- the Planning Committee will “ask” for input and that input will go “back” to the Governance Committee

Dave Davis made a motion to accept the recommendation. Motion passed.

### **Acquisitions, Circulation/ILL, Database, and Serial User Group Joint report** (attached)

### **MINITEX Electronic Information Resources Task Force (MEIR) – Larry Greenwood**

Greenwood expressed satisfaction in participating on this Task Force. Three things were accomplished: meet and coalesce as a group; background information about Task Force; and review RFP process (began drafting RFP for statewide access to general databases.) If anyone wishes to view the RFP document – Licensing Electronic Resources – please contact Larry. Greenwood indicated that ProQuest, Ebsco and Wilson plan on bidding the RFP. Greenwood also mentioned FirstSearch and a consortium price for some group at \$8600/15 libraries – unlimited access. Alane Wilson had quoted this price.

### **NDUS Collection Development Committee – Darryl Podoll**

Darryl Podoll is chairing the NDUS Collection Development Committee and said the pricing he has been given for FirstSearch for all of North Dakota K-12 is \$116,000. Cynthia Shabb, UND Chester

Fritz Library, is also working on the NDUS contract. Access ND, the distance education component of NDUS, is new and is worth a look. Check out <http://www.access.ndus.edu/> Stukel mentioned the ERL server (SilverPlatter)

### **State Library Report – Mike Jaugstetter**

LaND was introduced at the North Dakota Library Association annual conference and appears to fill the need of the statewide database, connected dissimilar library systems. Anticipated public announcement is early 2000. LaND is in demonstration phase to North Dakota libraries at this time. OCLC databases currently on LaND are test databases. Dennis Page made a motion, “that the ODIN Advisory Council (OAC) endorse the concept of lending its support of LIBRARY access NORTH DAKOTA (LaND), under the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC), to secure funding of outside databases, including OCLC FirstSearch and other similar databases; and that OAC members on the NDLCC report ODIN interests to the NDLCC as well as updating the OAC of NDLCC actions.” Darryl Podoll seconded. Motion passed.

### **MINITEX**

Lisa Bruere congratulated North Dakota libraries for being the first state completely off OCLC dedicated lines and now using Internet access. She also talked about their move to the new Minnesota Library Access Center taking place in late 1999. A grand opening is tentatively planned for April 2000.

### **Other Business**

Frank D’Andraia was given a plaque for his outstanding work on the ODIN Advisory Council. Everyone applauded. D’Andraia handed in his letter of resignation and Phyllis Bratton initiated the Nominating Committee. Dave Davis offered to be on the committee. Bratton polled nominations from the floor. Voting will be completed in December with a new OAC Chair to be elected before January 1, 2000. The new Chair will take over duties immediately after the election.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17 & 18, 2000 in Wahpeton with April 25 & 26 as alternate dates (due to Easter weekend).